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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Election of species. At page 2, the Examiner requires an election of species between sixteen species. Applicant hereby elects the following species:

Species XI (blade guard assembly, tabletop cutting board having two pivot points, handheld rotary trimmer, rail assembly, biasing element, connector have a guide rib and a slide, and tabletop cutting board with a magnetized paper clip tray)

Listing of claims readable on the elected species: Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-17, 19-32, and 37 and 38

Generic Claims: Claims 37 and 38 are generic to all species.

Applicant notes that the election of species is solely to facilitate an examination search, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.